



CHAPTER 2

Warfighting Concepts,
Emerging Capabilities, and Initiatives

In 2004, the United States is responding to a wide range of challenges across the globe, including fighting the long-term global war on terror, rebuilding Iraq into a peaceful, productive member of the world community, and preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction. In this era, the nation needs forces that are agile, flexible, and adaptable.

These characteristics define the Marine Corps, and they must continue to do so in the future. This chapter deals with the Marine Corps' efforts to modernize and transform so that it remains a vital part of America's arsenal in these dangerous times. The chapter examines in further detail the new expeditionary concepts mentioned in Chapter One, as well as the Marine Corps' emerging capabilities and initiatives that support them.